United Nations A/C.2/66/L.49

General Assembly

Distr.: Limited
9 November 2011

Original: English

Sixty-sixth session
Second Committee
Agenda items 18 and 134

**Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the 2008 Review Conference**

**Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013**

# Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

## Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.11

## Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

## I. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of paragraphs 12, 14 and 30 of draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.11, the General Assembly would:

(a) Decide to convene a high-level event in 2012 on the impact of the world financial crises on the financing of social development, as a dialogue on current global challenges, and in that regard, request the Secretary-General to take the steps necessary to organize the event;

(b) Take note of the ongoing discussions on innovative mechanisms of financing for development, decide to convene a meeting on innovative mechanisms of financing for development, during its sixty-sixth session, with a view to addressing the findings and recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on innovative mechanisms of financing for development (A/66/334), including key issues, inter alia, additionality, the fragmentation of disbursements, monitoring, reporting mechanisms, governance and the definition of innovative financing, as well as the concern that some of the resources raised through innovative financing are currently accounted for as official development assistance, and request the Secretary-General to report on the meeting at the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly;

11-59200 (E) 151111

Please recycle

(c) Invite the President of the General Assembly to initiate consultations with Member States during the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly with a view to holding the review conference on financing for development in 2013.

## II. Relationship of the draft resolution to the strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 and to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013

2. The activities referred to above relate to programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and programme 24, Management and support services, of the strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 (A/65/6/Rev.1). They also fall under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 29D, Office of Central Support Services, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.

## III. Activities by which the proposed requests would be implemented

3. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.11, it is envisaged that the high-level event in 2012 on the impact of the world financial crisis will comprise two meetings with interpretation services in all six languages. Similarly, the meeting on innovative mechanisms of financing for development will comprise two meetings with interpretation services in all six languages and a report of the Secretary-General with up to a total number of 8,500 words to be issued in all six languages. As regards the consultations to be undertaken by the President of the General Assembly, it is estimated that five of such consultation meetings would be held with interpretation services in all six languages.

## IV. Additional resource requirements for the biennium 2012-2013

4. The full costs of the activities envisaged under the terms of the draft resolution would amount to $177,800 for the biennium 2012-2013, comprising of $149,000 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management and $28,800 under section 29D, Office of Central Support Services, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013. The details of these additional requirements are provided in table 1 below.

Table 1
**Additional resource requirements arising from the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.11, for the biennium 2012-2013**
(United States dollars)

| | *High-level event in 2012* | *Meetings on innovative mechanisms* | *Consultations by the President of the General Assembly* | *Total additional requirements in the biennium 2012-2013* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Meetings servicing | 21 800 | 21 800 | 54 500 | 98 100 |
| Documentation | — | 50 900 | — | 50 900 |
| **Subtotal, section 2** | **21 800** | **72 700** | **54 500** | **149 000** |
| Other meeting services — Central Support Services | 10 600 | 5 200 | 13 000 | 28 800 |
| **Subtotal, section 29D** | **10 600** | **5 200** | **13 000** | **28 800** |
| **Grand total** | **32 400** | **77 900** | **67 500** | **177 800** |

# V. Potential for absorption during the biennium 2012-2013

5. No provision has been made in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 for the activities requested under paragraphs 12, 14 and 30 of draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.11. The Secretariat has sought to identify areas from which resources could be redeployed to meet the additional requirements relating to the conference services and other meeting support services for the biennium 2012-2013 as referred to in table 1 above. It is considered that a total amount of $99,900 could be absorbed with respect to the services provided to the high-level event in 2012 and the consultations by the President of the General Assembly, through the budgetary provisions provided to service the General Assembly provided that there will be no parallel meetings of the General Assembly or its Working Groups when the high-level event and the consultation meetings are being held.

6. The net conference-related costs after absorption, amounting to $77,900, would require an additional appropriation for the biennium 2012-2013, as shown in table 2 below.

Table 2

**Additional resource requirements arising from the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.11, after absorption for the biennium 2012-2013**

(United States dollars)

| | *High-level event in 2012* | *Meetings on innovative mechanisms* | *Consultations by the President of the General Assembly* | *Amount to be absorbed* | *Total net requirements in the biennium 2012-2013* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Meetings servicing | 21 800 | 21 800 | 54 500 | (76 300) | 21 800 |
| Documentation | — | 50 900 | — | — | 50 900 |
| **Subtotal, section 2** | **21 800** | **72 700** | **54 500** | **(76 300)** | **72 700** |
| Other meeting services — Central Support Services | 10 600 | 5 200 | 13 000 | (23 600) | 5 200 |
| **Subtotal, section 29D** | **10 600** | **5 200** | **13 000** | **(23 600)** | **5 200** |
| **Grand total** | **32 400** | **77 900** | **67 500** | **(99 900)** | **77 900** |

## VI. Contingency fund

7. It will be recalled that, under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditure derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the approved or proposed programme budget. Under this procedure, if additional expenditure were proposed that exceeded the resources available from the contingency fund, the activities concerned would be implemented only through the redeployment of resources from low-priority areas or the modification of existing activities. Otherwise, such additional activities must be deferred to a later biennium.

8. It is not possible at this stage to identify further activities under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management and section 29D, Office of Central Support Services, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified in order to meet the net additional requirements beyond the amount already proposed for absorption.

## VII. Summary

9. **Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.11, additional resources in the total amount of $77,900 would be required, comprising $72,700 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and $5,200 under section 29D, Office of Central Support Services, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.**